

REMARKS

Claims 12, 13, 20, and 21 are now pending in the application. Claim 12 is currently amended. Claims 1-11, 14, and 17-19 are cancelled by this amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 20 and 21 are newly added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0169479; "Liu"). Claims 3, 6, 8-10, 14, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu in view of Miyamoto (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0028416; "Miyamoto"). Claims 11 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu in view of Miyamoto further in view of Wai et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0184491; "Wai"). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-11, 14, and 17-19, thereby rendering the rejection moot as to these claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 12 to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Since claim 13 is dependent on amended claim 12, claim 13 has not been amended. Since claim 12 is also dependent on claim 3, new claim 20 including the limitations recited in claims 1, 3, and 12 has been added. New

claim 21 which includes the same limitation as that of claim 13 and which is dependent on new claim 20 has also been added. Therefore, claims 12, 13, 20, and 21 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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